

MANHATTAN PLACERS PRODUCE OVER \$300,000

Much Ore Now Ready for the Mills and Leases Are Looking Good---Notes From Round Mountain.

(From the Manhattan Post.)

Manhattan, Nevada, was discovered in April, 1905, and in the spring of the following year a considerable amount of placer gold was taken from the surface of many of the mining claims, but it was not until April, 1909, that the now producing placers were discovered.

The town of Manhattan is built in a ravine which terminates in Smokey Valley, dropping 700 feet in seven miles. The mines are located on rolling hills on both sides of the town cut by numerous ravines and gulches, all of which join the main gulch. It is in this main gulch in close proximity to the town that gold was first found and proved in payable quantities for a distance of nearly five miles. The gulch, which is from 150 to 500 feet wide, is filled with loose gravel and smoothed rocks, the depth to bed rock varying from 35 to 60 feet.

Careful prospecting has demonstrated that there are two parallel gold bearing channels of an average width of 20 to 40 feet, the pay streak varying from 2 to 2½ feet and occasionally four feet in thickness. This is generally overlaid with a bed of solid clay material which stands well and obviates the use of supporting timbers.

At present ten different outfits, covering only about two miles of the gulch, are at work, some of which recover the gold by crude methods, but that employed by Tom Wilson is an instance of systematic working.

On this ground the depth to bed rock is 50 feet where the channels have been crossed and parallel drifts run in the pay gravel which is hoisted to the surface by an electric hoist in a small bucket which automatically dumps the dirt into a bin having a floor set at an angle of 45 degrees. From this the dirt is washed by a three-inch stream of water operated by one man into a revolving rectangular screen of one inch mesh which dumps the large rocks into a car and the smaller and finer dirt is carried down rifled sluices in which the gold is subsequently amalgamated.

This plant treats from 35 to 40 yards every 24 hours with force of 25 men divided into three shifts. Electric power costs \$2 per horse power per month and three cents per kilo watt per hour. The total cost of operating is estimated at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a yard. The value of the ground varies from \$5 to \$7 a yard with occasional patches yielding as high as \$30 and a not unusual find of nuggets on the bed rock worth from \$50 to \$75 each, the largest of these containing \$226 worth of gold. Practically all the gold recovered is coarse and rough, showing that it has travelled very little. Water for sluicing purposes is piped from the neighboring mine, or from mill dumps, in only one instance has water been encountered in the workings.

While it is difficult to obtain reliable data of the monthly output of gold it is safe to say that the yield to date exceeds \$300,000 and one plant is credited with a total of over \$15,000 for the month of May.

The absence of fine gold from all these workings led to a careful investigation by Percy Train, a local assayer, as to its ultimate resting place which has now apparently been located in a dry lake bed in Smokey Valley, where the gulch terminates. This bed covers an area of 3500 acres and test holes sunk on it have yielded most encouraging prospects in fine gold and it is now proposed to test it thoroughly with a core drill. Should it carry payable values it will prove ideal dredging ground to which an ample supply of water from Peavine creek can be diverted at very small expense.

Leasers Get \$6337.

John Vucanovich and partners, who have a lease on the Forman fraction, owned by the Liberty and Justice company, were pleasantly surprised this week by the returns from the ore milled by them at the War Eagle plant. The lot comprised 245 dry tons and yielded

1080 ounces of amalgam, containing 460 and 26-100ths ounces gold, worth \$13.87 an ounce, or \$6337, with zinc precipitates, to be shipped to Selby & Co., estimator.

The returns show an average value of \$29.90 a ton. The shaft on this lease is 150 feet deep, the ore being from 2 to 3 feet wide and an average sample across two feet in the bottom of the shaft gives values of \$44.40 a ton.

Sinking is to be resumed immediately, and judging by the above assay, it is reasonable to assume that the next milling will fully equal in values that just completed.

In the development of this lease some beautiful specimen ore was taken out, but in this respect the lease is not different from many others now being operated.

High Grade from East Side.

Developments at East Manhattan on the Mineral Hill property continue to be most gratifying. At the Mineral Hill lease owned by the East Side Leasing company

sinking has been temporarily suspended and a drift was started to explore the intersection of the two veins, one of which is exposed in the shaft. In running this drift south to the St. Paul claim good ore was extracted up to the junction of the two veins and at this point some specimen ore was obtained, probably worth \$2 per pound. It is believed that a valuable ore shoot will be opened up here and exploration to determine this will be continued.

The development has a most favorable bearing on the Meisner, Lee and Nash lease on these two veins on the St. Paul claim from which it is situated only a few feet.

Work on the Mineral Hill tunnel, now in 70 feet, is progressing rapidly with most encouraging prospects, and as this tunnel will give 200 feet depth on the ore and will more effectually and economically develop the property, it will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

F. P. Jayne, of Santa Ana, Cal., a director of the East Side Leasing company, has spent a week at Mineral Hill and is much gratified with recent developments and the highly encouraging prospects for the future.

Treat 1500 Tons of Ore.

It will be good news to everybody in Manhattan to learn that the big tonnage of ore at the Swanson lease on the Earl claim will be milled at the War Eagle mill directly after the White Caps

ore has been treated. The ore has been tied up for over a year under a milling contract with the Priest mill, which treated 300 tons and then ceased operations and has been closed ever since.

W. S. Johnson, the original locator of the Earl claim and president of the Manhattan Earl Mining company, owning the property, has now, with John Swanson, the lessee, concluded a contract with the War Eagle mill for the treatment of 1500 tons of ore now on the dump, which is estimated to average from \$25 to \$30 a ton.

The Swanson lease is developed to a depth of 250 feet on an ore body, averaging four feet in width, occurring in a contact of lime and schist. Two ore shoots, 30 and 50 feet long, have been explored, assaying from \$23 to \$30 a ton, and this ore is still strong on the lowest level. Work at the lease will be resumed as soon as the ore on hand has been milled.

To Let Leases on Granny.

James H. Forman, controlling the Granny Gold Mining company, gave instructions this week to his resident agent, Percy Nash, to grant leases on this property. The ground is splendidly located in the heart of the mineral zone on Litigation hill and adjoins the Earl, on which the Swanson lease is situated. It is equipped with a fine hoisting plant, and a strong vein traverses the property carrying promising values and offering good opportunities for leasers.

Progress on Big Four.

Work at the Poak-Steen-Cicala lease is being concentrated on the sinking of the main shaft now down 325 feet. The pumps are easily handling the water and good progress is being made. The development of the ore body on the 300-foot level is also being carried on. At the Tarash lease a whim has been installed and the shaft, now 90 feet deep, will be sunk to the 150 foot level before cross-cutting the ore body.

Ore Runs High.

Joe Michel and associates who have a lease on the Gold Wedge claim, about 150 feet south of the Steen-Poak-Cicala Big Four lease, milled 7½ tons of selected ore last week at the McNeill mill, which netted them \$955. The ore was sorted out from some small calcite veins which are found in the ore body now being prospected and was taken to the mill to provide funds for further development.

White Caps to Mill Ore.

The erection of the hoisting plant at the White Caps lease is

now completed and the compressor plant is being installed and mining operations will be resumed in a few days. It is expected that the milling of 300 tons of ore on the dump will commence early next week at the War Eagle mill.

ROUND MOUNTAIN.

McVeigh and Kemont continue taking out a high grade of ore. The ledge has increased in width, with values remaining the same.

The Daisy company is driving a raise on the Solid Gold block, and when the surface is reached it is expected that the force will be increased.

M. J. Kiely, formerly superintendent of the Sphlux property, received word from Los Angeles to come there at once. Immediately upon his arrival at Los Angeles he will go to Arizona to make an examination of a property close to the Mexican border. Mr. Kiely was accompanied by A. M. Meehan.

With the departure of Kiely and Meehan, Round Mountain loses two substantial citizens, and the residents of the camp wish them a world of good luck in their new fields.

George E. Weber, who is in charge of the Sphinx property, received word from the Gold Trail Mining company to sink a shaft on the Gold Trail group. Work was commenced last Monday and since that time several rich stringers have been encountered. The Gold Trail lies between the Round Mountain Mining and the Central company's properties.

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